

The Interpreters' Prescription: Shaping the Future of Effective Practice for Healthcare Interpreters

The Joint Commission accrediting health systems is putting pressure on applicants to hire only competent interpreters but what shows competence in a health care interpreter. This workshop will explore the evidence of multiple national studies and offer strategies for interpreters seeking to improve their competence.

Participants will discuss the complexities of the health care systems, the interpreters' role in the hierarchy and consider resources available to expand their competence.

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